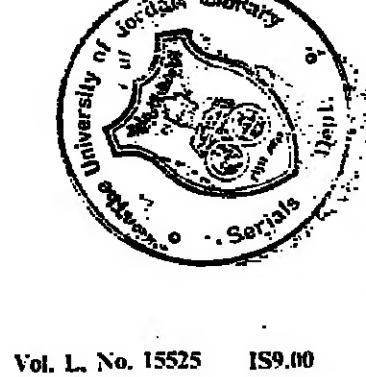


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El Al row may force early elections

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Recent developments in the El Al-Sabbath controversy "are sure to hasten the next elections," sources close to Prime Minister Menachem Begin told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The sources stressed that they are not at all displeased by the process and that they are eager to hold elections as soon as possible. The two likely dates are either November of this year, or May 1983. Begin reportedly is eager for early elections, believing that he would be returned to office with a larger majority.

The announced ban on El Al flying on the Sabbath is likely not to be imposed, following the High Court's ruling on the subject yesterday, writes *Joshua Brillant* on Page Two.

His deputy Simcha Ehrlich's unexpected blast at the concession to the religious parties in the coalition agreement, and the High Court of Justice's tossing of the El Al bill into the Knesset Finance Committee's court, have to Begin's mind created a situation in which he might "have to go to the president" and tender his resignation.

The sources said they are not at all certain the government would be able to muster the necessary majority in the finance committee, and note that its chairman, Agudat Yisrael MK Shlomo Lorincz, has warned that "if there is no majority in committee, there will be no coalition."

At the same time, there are warnings from the Liberal committee members not to support the closure of El Al on Saturdays. "This is a

Catch-22 situation," one high-ranking Herut source said.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office say they consider Ehrlich's outspoken attack on the intention to ground El Al's Sabbath flights very seriously. "We see them as a programme for action and not as idle words followed by a swift toeing of the line. We think Ehrlich really meant what he said." This, according to Begin's aides, would mean an inevitable head-on clash between the Aguda and the Liberals.

Ehrlich's speech brought reactions of protest from the religious parties. Agudat Yisrael MKs have already asked to meet with Begin on the matter and the party centre may discuss the situation this week.

There was also dismay within the National Religious Party, whose leader, Yosef Burg, said he had "heard of agreements not being adhered to, but never of this being turned into an ideology by anyone. I have also never known a deputy prime minister to come out against his own signature on the coalition agreement."

The sources in Begin's office hotly denied rumours in the Likud to the effect that Begin was in fact behind Ehrlich's speech to the Liberal council Sunday afternoon. According to the rumours, Ehrlich had informed Begin of his intentions beforehand.

Another version is that Begin had put Ehrlich up to making his speech as a way of bringing down the coalition and fomenting the early elections which he desires. The sources in Begin's office said that such talk is "either malicious or the product of a feeble mind."

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Liberal MKs spurn Ehrlich

Post Knesset Correspondent

Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich's colleagues yesterday failed to back him in his stand against Sabbath closure of El Al.

At a meeting in the Knesset, members of the Likud's Liberal wing, apparently surprised and confused by Ehrlich's about-face, ruled that the Likud is duty-bound to honour its signature on the coalition agreement. Ehrlich himself was not present.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim said that although Agudat Yisrael and the National Religious Party exhausted every scrap of his patience during the coalition negotiations with their exaggerated demands, and almost convinced him that fresh

elections were better than the coalition agreement they sought, the Liberal Party and its MKs had finally approved the coalition agreement and could not now go back on their word.

Nissim said: "I favour early elections, but in a manner which would not leave us surprised by the outcome."

Energy Minister Yitzhak Berman, who also did not attend the Liberal wing's meeting, sent a note of apology explaining his absence. Berman also wrote: "The Liberal Party must choose between staying in the coalition and fulfilling the coalition agreement, or quitting the coalition and bringing about early

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This Kiryat Shmona family beds down Sunday night in its bomb shelter during terrorist shelling from Lebanon.

No decision now on J'lem autonomy venue

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The problem of Jerusalem as a venue for the autonomy talks is likely to be solved only when Prime Minister Menachem Begin meets with President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig in the U.S. next month. This was the assessment offered by well-placed Israeli sources yesterday, as American diplomatic envoy Richard Fairbanks sought to tackle the problem during talks in Jerusalem.

According to this scenario, the long-stalled talks themselves would only get under way again in mid-June.

Fairbanks met separately with Begin, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and chief autonomy negotiator Yosef Burg.

He told his Israeli hosts he might

have ideas of his own to propose after he meets with the Egyptian leaders in Cairo today. However, he is not expected to return to Jerusalem, and so his ideas would presumably be studied through diplomatic channels.

Fairbanks told newsmen he was here "to listen carefully" to the Israeli government's views — on the venue problem as on others — and he would do the same in Cairo.

The Israeli leaders, backed by a unanimous cabinet decision on Sunday, told Fairbanks that Israel would not acquiesce to Egypt's desire in effect to "boycott" Jerusalem. Israel insists that Jerusalem, along with Washington and Cairo, be one of the three alternating venues for the autonomy talks.

U.S. concerned at cease-fire breakdown

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Alexander Haig yesterday said the U.S. was "very concerned" about the latest Israeli-PLO breakdown in the cease-fire along the Lebanese frontier.

Answering reporters' questions at the State Department, the secretary said the U.S. has become involved over the weekend in diplomatic contact with Israel and various Arab states in an effort to stabilize the cease-fire.

Haig also said Washington had been in indirect contact with the Palestinians.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer, later elaborating on Haig's remarks, publicly welcomed indications from both Israel and the PLO that they were prepared to re-establish their 10-month cease-fire.

Fischer said special U.S. Middle East Envoy Philip Habib would return to Washington from California for consultations this week. There was no word, however, whether Habib might return to the Middle East.

Fischer refused to say who was responsible for violating the cease-fire. He simply reiterated U.S. opposition to any "military action."

Shamir on border tension: 'Israel will not sit with its arms folded'

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel paused to take stock yesterday after the sudden explosion of violence on the northern border the evening before. The indications were that the Israel Defence Forces will not be sent across the border to attack PLO positions on the ground in South Lebanon.

However, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned that Israel would "not sit with its arms folded" in the face of terrorist attacks. He told an American government envoy that if the Palestine Liberation Organization wants the cease-fire across the Lebanese border to remain in effect, it must desist from terrorist actions against Israel everywhere.

Shamir spoke with the U.S. envoy Richard Fairbanks and with Ambassador Samuel Lewis after a four-hour special cabinet session, where ministers reviewed the IDF bombing of PLO targets in Lebanon on Sunday afternoon, and the PLO's shelling and rocketing of the Galilee later that evening.

Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan and several IDF generals attended the session.

Israeli officials insisted that it was "merely by a miracle" that no one was hurt in the PLO bombardment. They discounted the theory that the

PLO gunners had deliberately avoided hitting population centres in what was intended to be only a "demonstrative" reaction to the Israeli bombings.

Nevertheless, there was plainly reluctance to regard the PLO bombardment as an attempt to revive last summer's "war of attrition" — a war which the Israeli government has repeatedly vowed it will not fight again on the PLO's terms (but — this has been the implication — will counter by a massive invasion into South Lebanon).

The bombardment ended in mid-evening on Sunday and the PLO signalled subsequently that it would not be resumed. These signals were conveyed to Israel by U.S. diplomats, along with urgent American appeals for restraint.

Israeli officials stressed, however, that in Israel's view the cease-fire is not limited to the Lebanese border, but encompasses all hostile actions emanating out of Lebanon — whether they be infiltrations across other borders or acts of terrorism in Israel or abroad originating in Lebanon and directed by the PLO groups there.

Foreign Minister Shamir emphasised this point in his meeting with the U.S. diplomats, and Israeli sources said this was also the U.S. interpretation of the cease-fire.

S. Lebanon quiet as PLO tightens alert

Post Mideast Affairs Reporter and agencies

Southern Lebanon was reported quiet but tense yesterday after Sunday's Israeli air raids, with PLO forces in the area on alert in anticipation of further Israeli action.

According to the Christian Phalange radio last night, PLO chief Yasser Arafat had urged his men to do nothing to provoke a further Israeli reaction.

Another PLO official, unidentified in agency reports from South Lebanon, is quoted as saying that the organization had decided on a "measured response" to Israel's raids on Sunday, deliberately avoiding Israeli civilian targets when it shelled the north following the air raids. The PLO yesterday

claimed that 12 died and 30 were injured in the Israeli attack.

The official warned, however, that "if the Israelis continue the air raids, we will fight back." He suggested that if Israel did, in fact, decide to escalate the fighting, the cease-fire negotiated in South Lebanon last July "will be dead."

He repeated the PLO position that the cease-fire applied only to the Israel-Lebanese border, and did not preclude strikes against targets in Major Sa'ad Haddad's Christian enclave or against targets inside Israel or the administered territories.

Israel's view is that any attack on an Israeli target anywhere will be viewed as a violation of the cease-fire and will be treated accordingly.

THE JERUSALEM POST POLL More than 75% endorse current policy in West Bank

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Three-quarters of the public justify the current measures adopted by the government in Judea and Samaria. This emerged from the latest *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by the Modi'in Ezrahi institute of research among a representative sample of 1260 adults during mid-April.

Question — "Do you think the measures adopted by the army in Judea and Samaria were justified?" Yes — 76.8 per cent; No — 13.7 per cent; Undecided — 9.5 per cent.

Institute director Dr. Sara Shemer also examined the correlation between respondents' positions

on the policy in the West Bank and the curfew imposed on the Golan Druse. The results were as follows:

	For	Against
policy in W. Bank	66.6	13.3
curfew	25.2	79.8
Against Golan curfew	6.9	8.2

Shemer noted the correlation between the support extended for the policies in both areas. An examination of voting patterns showed that 87.8 per cent of Likud voters justified the measures, while the ratio for Labour supporters was 68.5 per cent.

Reserve officers tell of army 'brutality' in areas

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Six reserve army officers who recently completed service in the territories yesterday charged that the government's policies were resulting in IDF brutality, triggering happy reactions and indiscriminate collective punishment.

The six stressed that while public attention was aroused by specific sensational events, "the daily reality in the territories is one of violence and brutality."

The officers, whose ranks range from lieutenant to major and who all serve in front-line units, were speaking at a press conference at Beit Agmon in Jerusalem organized by Peace Now.

They had originally requested to

meet with Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, but he reportedly said he could not find time. Late yesterday they met with the Judge-Advocate General of the Army, Tai-Aluf Dov Shefi, and one of Sharon's aides.

The Defence Ministry spokesman said last night that Peace Now was trying to make political capital out of IDF soldiers, but added that their allegations would be investigated. Earlier in the day unnamed Defence Ministry sources had dismissed the officer's charges as reported on the radio as "groundless."

Yuval Neriya, a major in the reserves and commander of a tank regiment who was decorated for valour during the Yom Kippur War, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

British naval guns again pound Falklands

LONDON. — British warships yesterday pounded Argentine positions around the Falkland Islands capital of Port Stanley for the second straight day in a prelude to a possible invasion of the islands, the British domestic news agency Press Association said.

The report, from Peter Archer, PA correspondent aboard the British carrier *Hermes*, said yesterday's "mission was seen as a softening-up process before an eventual landing by British troops."

A spokesman at the Defence Ministry said that he had "no information" on the reported attack, although Archer's dispatch had passed military censors on board the

task-force flagship.

In Buenos Aires, the evening newspaper *La Razon* also reported that British warships shelled Argentine positions on the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands sporadically early yesterday. The daily, with close connections with the army high command, said the shelling seemed intended to harass Argentine troops rather than to hit military targets.

As a precaution against possible Argentine reconnaissance and air attacks, Britain yesterday barred unauthorized flying around Ascension Island, the mid-Atlantic staging post for its Falklands operations.

The Defence Ministry announced it was introducing immediately a

controlled air zone for a radius of 100 nautical miles (185 km.) around Wideawake Airport, a big airbase leased from Britain by the U.S.

It means all aircraft must get permission from the air-traffic controller on Ascension before entering the zone.

Military sources in London said that frigates and destroyers of the task force, equipped with anti-aircraft missiles, were now operating within sight of the islands' Argentine defenders.

Closing in on the islands involved a risk, but the task force was trying to win local air superiority, the sources said.

With officials in London voicing

scepticism of UN peace efforts, crack British assault troops were reported arriving at the Falklands last night and the Defence Ministry said Britain's armada was enforcing an air and sea blockade of the islands with the "utmost vigour."

The developments fuelled speculation that an invasion to retake the South Atlantic islands, seized by Argentina on April 2, was imminent.

As UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar held a fourth day of talks with British and Argentine diplomats, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher met again with her inner "war" cabinet. (AP, Reuters)

Iraq mounts counter-attack in battle for Khorramshahr

BEIRUT. — Iraq claimed last night that its forces were staging a massive counter-attack against Iranian troops marching on the Iraqi-held port city of Khorramshahr in the southwest Iranian oil province of Khuzestan.

The Iranians, saying they had almost surrounded the Iraqi invaders who have held Khorramshahr for nearly 19 months, reported they had overrun Iraqi

earthworks and look-out posts on the outskirts of the city.

But as each side disputed the other's claims, the Iraqis declared they had launched a new operation which appeared designed to catch the advancing Iranians in a pincer.

At sunset yesterday the official Iraqi news agency INA carried a military communique announcing the start of a "massive counter-attack" in two Khuzestan theatres

— one west of the Karun River and the other north of Khorramshahr, 640 kilometres southwest of Tehran.

Iran said yesterday their troops were pushing south down the 120-kilometre highway leading from the Khuzestan provincial capital of Ahvaz to Khorramshahr.

Seized by Iraq in the first month of the Gulf War, Khorramshahr is the only major city still occupied by

Iraq. Its loss would be a severe blow to the Iraqi regime, consolidating Iran's hold on the war's southern front two months after "Operation Victory" in the Dezful-Shush area consolidated its hold on the central front.

"The battle for Khorramshahr will be decisive," a Gulf official said yesterday. "Both countries will mobilize all possible efforts to control the city." (AP, UPI)

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Geneva	13	10	50
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London	13	10	50
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City	Temp	Wind	Clouds
Jerusalem	11	10	50
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Nahariya	11	10	50
Safed	11	10	50
Haifa Port	11	10	50
Tiberias	11	10	50
Nazareth	11	10	50
Afula	11	10	50
Sharon	11	10	50
Tel Aviv	11	10	50
Jericho	11	10	50
Qana	11	10	50
Beersheba	11	10	50
Eilat	11	10	50

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Lord Sieff and Derrick Kleeman, together with Eric Lucas, Ian Terry and Michael Mohnblat, visited Kibbutz Beit Rimon yesterday in connection with the establishment of a community centre by the Barecha Foundation.

A ceremony was held yesterday at the Weizmann Institute of Science honouring Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Kalman, of Toronto, Canada, for participating in the establishment of the Canada Centre of Nuclear Physics. In the evening, overseas participants in this week's institute board meeting were guests of honour at a dinner party given for them at the Dan Hotel by the Association of Friends of the Weizmann Institute in Israel.

ARRIVALS

S. Liddle Kert, former chairman of the Jewish National Fund in western Canada, and Mrs. Kert, from Montreal.

NORTH IS QUIET

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the defence minister met with Council Head Yossi Goldberg, who demanded that the IDF remove the constant threat posed by the terrorists on the northern border.

Sharon telephoned Prime Minister Menachem Begin from the north to tell him that residents of the area remained steadfast.

Yesterday in the northern settlements life went on as usual, despite the tension. Schools were open, and all other institutions, factories and shops operated normally. Special exercises were held in schools as pupils practised taking shelter. All emergency services in the Galilee panhandle remained on full alert and manpower was increased to deal with any eventuality.

The national orchestra of Egypt performed on Sunday night at Kibbutz Matzuba in the north, at the same time as the terrorists were bombarding the area. Most of the audience was Arab.

Sharon meets with U.S. Navy chief

Jerusalem Post Staff
U.S. Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Thomas Hayward yesterday reassured Defence Minister Ariel Sharon of the continuing U.S. support for Israel. They met yesterday in Sharon's office.

Sharon emphasized to Hayward that when it comes to national survival, Israel will depend only on itself, especially regarding the threat posed by Palestinian terrorists.

Sharon reiterated Israel's oft-stated position on terrorist activities, that Israel will not tolerate attacks on Jewish targets either inside or outside of Israel.

HOME NEWS

High Court overturns cabinet El Al decision

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

El Al is likely to continue flying on the Sabbath and Jewish Holidays even after the August 6 deadline the cabinet set for such flights, according to a decision yesterday by the High Court of Justice.

The court overruled the cabinet decision to implement the coalition agreement grounding El Al, saying it lacked the approval of the Knesset Finance Committee. One attorney said the question now returns to the cabinet, which means that Likud ministers who want El Al to continue flying seven days a week will have another opportunity to argue their case.

In the Finance Committee the coalition has a majority of only one. Some Likud MKs have expressed their opposition to the cessation of Sabbath and Holiday flights and while they may finally toe the coalition line, they are likely to try to support the opposition's delaying tactics.

For example, committee member Dan Tichon (Likud-Liberals) said yesterday he would vote for the continuation of Sabbath flights if the committee's debate is restricted only to economic considerations. However, he said he would vote for the grounding if the coalition's future was at stake.

The new situation arose after the High Court accepted the Histadrut's and El Al workers' claims that the May 2 cabinet decision violated Article Four (A) of the Government Corporations Law 5735 (1975).

The article says that a government corporation will operate according to business considerations which non-governmental companies apply, unless the cabinet, with the Knesset Finance Committee's approval, establishes other guidelines.

The Finance Committee's approval must be sought because the change in regulations would affect the airline's finances and by law the committee must approve all state expenditures.

The workers argued that the deci-

sion to ground the national carrier on holy days would cost \$30 million to \$40 million a year — and is clearly not the kind of a step a non-government enterprise would take.

Histadrut attorney Eli Meital and the El Al workers representative Dror Huter-Yishai claimed the government's decision also violated an interim injunction by the Tel Aviv District Labour Court which ruled that work procedures in the national carrier should not be changed without coordination between management and staff.

Suggestions that delaying tactics would now be applied were partly based on the fact that Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich on Sunday had gone perhaps as close as he could to asking his party to fight the decision to stop the Sabbath flights. (See related story)

Transport Minister Haim Corfu made it plain that when he voted for the grounding he had thought he would be able to drag out its implementation.

Yesterday Acting Finance Minister Gideon Patt also took a step towards delaying the grounding. He told a reporter the government must not seek the Finance Committee's approval before the ministerial committee charged with implementing the cabinet's decision completes its work. That committee is headed by Ehrlich.

Agudat Yisrael clearly wanted the cabinet's decision to be implemented within the original deadline, and undoubtedly counted on its MK Shlomo Lorincz, the chairman of the Finance Committee, to try to push it through.

El Al's management and staff were patently aware of the fact they have won a round — but not the battle. Some management personnel smiled yesterday and the staff members were jubilant, but a staff committee announcement said: "We must all remember the struggle is just beginning."

While management feels its hands are tied because it heads a government-owned corporation, the workers are now busily trying to pressure the politicians.



The Society for the Protection of Nature is selling this multi-coloured aerogramme to mark the northward migration of the Sooty Falcon from Africa to its nesting places in the Negev, the Judean Desert and the mountains near Eilat. Profits from the sale of the aerogrammes go to help protect Israel's rare birds of prey, such as the Negev Lappet-faced Vulture, pictured on the obverse side of the air-letter.

Begin, Sarid raising dust over bones

Post Knesset Correspondent

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Labour MK Yosef Sarid are engaged in a slanging match over today's burial of the bones of the Bar-Kochba rebels. The state funeral with military honours will be held at the Judean Desert cave where the bones were found two decades ago.

After Sarid wrote Begin urging him to call off what he called the "Begin-Goren pageant," Begin wrote back to Sarid calling him "an impudent, frustrated and wild young fellow." The prime minister said he would not reply to Sarid's "arrogant calumnies."

Moshe Shahal, Alignment faction chairman, issued a statement supporting Sarid and upbraiding Begin for his "marketplace language."

Dov Zakai (Alignment-Mapam) will appeal to the House Committee today for a ruling on Begin's language, also citing his blasts last week at Rabbi Menachem Hacohen (Labour) for being a "kept rabbi" and at Mapam MK Elazar Granot for "failing to understand what even a fool would understand."

Tension dampens Lag Ba'Omer

SAFAD. — The Lag Ba'Omer festivities in the north opened yesterday afternoon with the traditional Tora-scroll procession from the home of the Abu family in the Old City of Safad, to Mt. Meron.

As the Tora scroll, decorated with gold and silver, was carried for the 149th year in succession, hundreds of rabbis and Hassidim, accompanied by musicians, danced through the town's narrow streets.

At Meron, where the major festivities take place, about 50,000 had gathered by early evening. This is only about half of those originally expected — apparently tension on the northern border caused many to stay away.

LIBERALS

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elections. I personally prefer early elections."

Minister without Portfolio Yitzhak Moda'i, who has had harsh words for Berman in the past, was so angered by Berman's note that he called him a "hypocrite" and said "that man's membership in our party is a cause for regret."

Moda'i also said that the coalition agreement should be carried out in its entirety and not selectively. He said, however, that the closure of El Al on the Sabbath would harm civil aviation and national security as well.

Deputy Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper said: "We look like a confused party which lacks a consensus."

The Liberal wing is due to meet again today, hopefully with Ehrlich and Berman in attendance.

The Ehrlich controversy also kept the coalition executive busy yesterday. Coalition chairman Abraham Shapira (Aguda) said that criticism of the religious parties, such as Ehrlich had uttered, generated a "lynch atmosphere in the streets and an anti-Semitic mood."

Shapira spoke with great emotion and at great length, saying that the Aguda and the National Religious Party had always made their objective plain. "We signed a binding contract, and not a collection of clauses which belong to us and clauses which belong to you," he said.

He said he would not object if the coalition agreement were dissolved and rewritten, "but I will not accept people describing the religious parties as extortionists."

Linn resigns post on Likud executive

Post Knesset Correspondent

Amnon Linn MK, an independent within the Likud bloc, yesterday resigned from the Likud faction executive. He also wrote Prime Minister Menachem Begin announcing that he would not stand as the Likud candidate in the Haim Haifa municipal elections, since the Liberal party had described him as "a foreign body within the Likud." The elections are slated for November.

Linn won 30,000 votes in the last city elections as an independent, while a Liberal standing officially for the Likud only got 15,000 votes.

Jail sentence for molesting daughter

HAIFA (Itim). — A farmer from a village north of here was sentenced yesterday by the district court to three years in prison for molesting his daughter. The court's publication of the man's name to protect the identity of his daughter.

29 slightly hurt in Beersheba bus crash

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — Twenty-nine people sustained light injuries here yesterday when two municipal buses collided. The injured were taken to the emergency room of the Soroka Hospital and all were released after treatment.

The accident on Rehov Abraham Avinu took place when one bus reportedly skidded on the wet pavement and struck the other head-on.

DIPLOMAS. — Ninety health care workers received their diplomas in Social Science for Health Services in a ceremony held at Bar Ilan University yesterday.

Milson staff complains he has 'undermined' them

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Twenty-five officials in the West Bank civil administration have sent a letter to the head of the administration, Menahem Milson, complaining that he is ignoring their professional experience and undoing the work of years.

The officials claim that Milson and his aides have undermined them by dealing behind their backs with local Arab employees, have ignored their professional expertise and damaged their influence, and that policy decisions are taken without consultation. They also complain that requests to meet Milson to air their views have been turned down.

Milson refused to comment on what he dismissed as "rumours."

Minor incidents were reported from the Jenin and Ramallah districts yesterday, with a large demonstration reported in Silat al-Daher near Jenin, a centre for the local village league.

Arabs from El-Birah complained yesterday that settlers had detained them and seized their ID cards. They were told that these could be reclaimed at the nearby settlement of Psagot and when they went there they were told to do some earthwork before the settlers returned the cards.

SWISS. — A group of Swiss Christians donated \$23,000 (IS\$30,240) to Na'amat Jerusalem during a visit to the Beit Elsheva community centre in Jerusalem yesterday.

RE-ELECTED. — Tat-Aluf (ra.) Natan (Natan) Nir has been chosen unanimously to serve a second three-year term as chairman of the Soldiers' Welfare Association.

Arab press hints broadly at renewed ties with Egypt

Post Middle East Reporter and agencies

Despite official Egyptian disclaimers in recent days, there has been considerable speculation in the Egyptian and Arab press that certain of the 17 Arab states that severed relations with Egypt after the 1979 peace treaty with Israel are about to renew those ties.

Mayo, the official organ of Egypt's ruling National Democratic Party, yesterday quoted Arab diplomatic sources as tipping Ahmed Bin Sowda, chief of the Moroccan royal court, as Morocco's new ambassador to Cairo.

There have also been reports in the Arab press that Saudi Arabia had already reopened its embassy in Cairo, but this was officially denied yesterday by Riyadh. The Saudis nevertheless expressed hope that Egypt would be able to exercise "its Arab role fully in the near future."

To that end, Sultan Qaboos of Oman — along with Sudan and Somalia, the only Arab country not to have severed ties with Egypt — held another round of talks in Cairo yesterday with Mubarak.

Iraq, too, which has been receiving considerable Egyptian support in its war with Iran, yesterday signalled a further amelioration in its relations with Egypt when a representative for its state airline in Amman announced that flights between the two countries would be resumed as of today.

Tunik raps Bank of Israel

Post Economic Reporter

The Knesset's State Control Committee yesterday heard a report from State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik on the failure of the Bank of Israel to prevent small private banks from circumventing certain foreign-currency regulations.

The comptroller cited the case of a small bank which had bought foreign currency from the central bank to resell it to other private banks. The dates of its deposits in the central bank were juggled to show a higher balance than its own accounts. Thus, the small bank was able to grant a greater amount of credit than permitted by the liquidity laws which specify the rate of credit on reserves. According to these regulations, granting more credit than permitted is subject to a fine.

The comptroller told the Bank of Israel to task for not being aware of these transactions.

The control committee chairman Avraham Katz-on decided to adjourn the meeting because the governor of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Mandelbaum was not present.

Imri Ron (Mapam) asked that the committee's next meeting should be devoted to a debate about the \$370 million lost by the central bank because of its foreign currency reserves management.

HEARTS. — The country's first laboratory for heart surgery research opened on Friday at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem, Jerusalem.

On the first anniversary of the passing of
'my beloved wife, our dear mother and grandmother

CLARA RABIA ז"ל

we will hold a memorial service on Thursday, May 13, 1982 at 9 a.m. at the Har Hamenuchot cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

We will meet at the cemetery entrance.

The Family

In deep sorrow, we announce the sudden passing of
our beloved father, grandfather

JACK MOND ז"ל

In the United States.

Mourning by his children:
Evelyn Lindenbaum, Manny Mond,
Dr. James Mond, and Dr. Chaim Mond
and all his grandchildren.

Shiva will be held at the home of Dr. James Mond, Potomac, Maryland, U.S.A.

Ben Gurion University of the Negev
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DAVID CZERTOK

Sao Paulo

founder of the University and member of the
Board of Governors

We deeply mourn the passing of our beloved mother
and grandmother

ILSE RUTH STOERK ז"ל

(widow of the late Prof. Carl Asher Stoerk ז"ל)

The funeral took place at Ginegar yesterday, May 10, 1982

The Family

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Two U.S. diplomats expelled by Poland

WARSAW (AP). — Poland's martial law authorities yesterday expelled two American embassy officials for receiving materials "harming the interests of Poland," Polish television reported. They are John Zerolis, science attaché, and James Howard, cultural affairs officer.

The U.S. Embassy issued a statement rejecting the charges.

KFAR SAVA. — The first 36 graduates of the newly accredited Beit Berl College will receive their BA degrees in education today.

Some Yamit activists will face prosecution

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has decided to bring criminal charges against a number of persons who are suspected of having used violence during the IDF evacuation of the anti-withdrawal activists in Yamit last month.

Zamir's decision followed an examination of police evidence and testimony, and television films made during the evacuation in which a number of the activists were seen hitting soldiers.

In bringing the charges, Zamir has distinguished between those activists who broke the law without resorting to violence and those who

employed violence.

Zamir's decision to prosecute followed a reappraisal by the attorney-general after the cabinet session of April 25, in which he reluctantly bowed to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's desire to forgo prosecutions and to opt for "reconciliation" with the anti-withdrawal diehards.

Immediately after the cabinet meeting, in which only Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai spoke in favour of prosecutions, Zamir, supported by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, had second thoughts and asked the police for the evidence they had amassed on offences committed in Yamit.

Savior urges law on MKs' duties

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor wants MKs to be legally required to devote the three days of the week during which the Knesset is in session exclusively to Knesset affairs.

Savidor said this at the conclusion of the debate begun last Wednesday on "the foundations of Israeli parliamentarianism," which was initiated by Yair Tsaaban (Alignment-Mampan).

Savidor also agreed with MKs who had complained in the debate that they did not have sufficient research assistance, and promised to do what he could to improve this.

He urged the House Committee to approve by the end of this month the long-pending introduction of "urgent parliamentary questions," which would be answered by ministers within days of their submission. Justice Minister Moshe Nissim last week said the delay was solely the fault of the Knesset, since the government had agreed to this years ago.

Tsaaban presented, on behalf of all Knesset factions, an omnibus resolution that was unanimously adopted. Among other things, it calls on the House Committee and the Law Committee to make proposals by the end of the present term for improving the working of the Knesset.

Postage, phone rates to rise by 20%

Post Economic Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved a hike in communications rates by 20 per cent effective from Wednesday and not by 25 per cent as was requested by the government. Communications rates include the prices of telephone calls, stamps and telegrams.

This is the third time this year that the rates have been adjusted. The first was in January, by 20 per

cent, and the second in February, by 12 per cent. In the past the Communications Ministry raised the rates twice a year.

The ministry requested a further rise saying that even after this increase the rates will lag behind the inflation rate by 50 per cent over the last two years.

The government also announced that from next Sunday bus fares on all routes will be raised by 25 per cent.

MKs to get second telephone—for free

Post Knesset Correspondent

Knesset Members will not only have the privilege of getting a second telephone in their homes on top priority, as the House Committee decided last week. They will also get it free, the House Committee decided yesterday, despite complaints being voiced that MKs are taking improper advantage of their position.

Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor, commenting on the House Committee's latest decision, said that since he was responsible for the

administrative processing of MKs' requests for their second phones, he wanted to announce that he would not rubber-stamp such requests.

Savidor said that his approval of a request for a second phone would depend, for instance, on the size of the waiting list for the general public in the MK's district.

Savidor is one of the 60 MKs (half the House) who already obtained a second phone during the outgoing Knesset — before Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir ruled that an MK had the right to only one free phone.

Parcel explodes but driver unhurt

ASHKELON (Itim). — An Ashkelon truck driver escaped unscathed after a parcel he had opened exploded near his vehicle.

The 30-year-old driver found the parcel under his vehicle, which was parked in the grounds of his company in Afidar, Ashkelon.

He suspected the parcel could be a bomb and threw a stone at it. When nothing happened he opened

it and saw a blue wire. He then threw it in the bushes and drove off. He returned two hours later and to the parking area and began to work on his truck. The parcel then exploded, but the driver was unhurt.

Ashkelon police chief Rav-Pakad Moshe Levy again appealed to the public not to tamper with suspicious objects, but to call the police immediately.

Uruguayan minister invites Shamir

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Reporter

Uruguayan Foreign Minister Estanislau Otero Valdes yesterday invited Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to visit Uruguay. No date has yet been set for the visit.

The invitation was extended during a ceremony in Jerusalem at which the two foreign ministers signed an agreement setting up a framework for exchanges of information and telecommunications and media facilities.

Earlier, Otero paid courtesy calls on Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Yitzhak Navon, and visited Kibbutz Ginosar.

Otero told Shamir that he was "very impressed" by what he had seen in Israel during his visit.

Shamir pointed out that Uruguay was the country to which Israel sent its first ambassador in Latin America.

Otero also paid a courtesy call yesterday on Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor.

West German minister meets with Shamir

Post Diplomatic Reporter

West German Minister of State for Culture Hildegarde Hamm-Bruucher yesterday met with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to plan the agenda for the visit of German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher on June 2-4.

Hamm-Bruucher spent 40 minutes with Shamir in Jerusalem before attending a cultural seminar in the capital sponsored by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Goethe Institute. She is to return to Bonn today.

Hamm-Bruucher also paid a courtesy call on Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor.



Admiral Rickover to visit Israel

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

U.S. admiral (ret.) Hyman Rickover, the Lithuanian-born son of a Jewish tailor who became the father of America's nuclear submarine fleet, will visit Israel for the first time this summer, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The 82-year-old Rickover, who served under seven presidents and was asked to retire by Ronald Reagan's Navy secretary, will be the guest of Israel's association of veterans.

Rickover conceived the development of America's first atomic-powered sub, and the USS Nautilus was launched in January 1954 by Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower.

Sharm-Eilat flights
EILAT (Itim). — The first flight by the new Egyptian company Air Sinai between Sharm el-Sheikh and Eilat is scheduled to land here today. It is not known how many passengers will be on board, and as far as is known there are no passengers for the return trip.



Student demonstrators outside the Education Ministry in Jerusalem carry placards such as the one which reads: "Our feet were at thy gates, O Jerusalem, but we had no money to enter." (Elihu Harari)

Students strike to protest tuition hike

Jerusalem Post Staff

There were no lectures at institutes of higher learning throughout the country yesterday as students went on strike to protest against a proposed 150 per cent rise in tuition fees for next year.

Some 200 representatives of the various student bodies at the universities gathered outside the Education Ministry in Jerusalem, carrying placards denouncing the proposal to hike tuition. On the almost deserted campuses, a few students took to the time to make use of the libraries.

At most universities, the faculty were instructed to conduct classes, but student spokesmen said that no students showed up.

In Haifa, several hundred students marched through the city centre at noon, disrupting traffic on Rehov Herzl during the rush-hour. The Committee of Arab Students at Haifa University distributed leaflets calling for free tuition for all students "without racism," instead of settlements and fighter planes.

According to Hebrew University Students Union chairman Yisrael Katz, many students will be forced to give up their studies if the proposed \$25,000 annual tuition fees go into effect in the coming academic year.

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Druse MK: Expel all pro-Syrians

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Likud MK Amal Nasr e-Din has called for the deportation to Syria of Golan Druse leaders opposed to the state. The MK is a member of the Daliat al-Carmel Druse community.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, Nasr e-Din said that two Syrian intelligence cells are actively fanning unrest among the Druse in the Golan Heights.

The first cell, he said, is located in Amman and its main task is to channel funds to the Druse villagers who lost their jobs during the partial strike. The money is reportedly smuggled across the open bridges by PLO agents in the West Bank.

According to the MK, the second cell is headed by a high-ranking officer in the Syrian army, Nur e-Din Abu Salah, who has many relatives in Majdal Shams. One of his brothers, Kamal Kanj Abu Salah, a former member of the Syrian parliament, is being held under administrative detention. This cell, Nasr e-Din said, was actively engaged in getting the Druse to break Israeli law publicly.

Nasr e-Din also suggested that the IDF be called in to deal with the Golan Druse, instead of the police, who "so far have failed to implement the Golan Law."

WJC: Rise in anti-Semitism

VIENNA (AP). — Delegates to the first annual session of the World Jewish Congress' European branch have reported an increase in anti-Semitism in various European countries, a spokesman said yesterday.

The two-day conference opened on Sunday at a Jewish Community Centre near where Palestinian terrorists last year attacked people who had attended a bar mitzva ceremony. Two were killed and many injured in the ambush.

The spokesman for the meeting said growing anti-Semitism was noted over the past few years, apparently for economic and social reasons. He singled out France and Britain, but did not elaborate.

Jewish gravestones vandalized in Germany

MOENCHENGLADBACH, West Germany (Reuter). — Vandals overturned 29 gravestones in a weekend attack on a Jewish cemetery in this Rhineland industrial city.

A police spokesman described damage to the graves as considerable and said the city was offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of the culprits.

Children's Week under way

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Young and old will join in parties, storytelling and other events during the annual Children's Week, which begins today all over the country. This year's theme is "Respect for the elderly," in conjunction with the UN's Year of the Aged.

Children's Week will be marked by programmes in schools, dance and dramatic presentations, visits to museums and homes for the aged, and programmes for hospitalized children.

Children's Week is sponsored world-wide by UNICEF, and is held in Israel under the patronage of the president's wife, Ofra Navon. Two events will take place at Beit Hanesi on Sunday: the awarding of prizes to children for volunteer work, and a meeting between authors of children's literature and children who took part in a writing contest on the theme, "Respect for the elderly."

The dozens of events planned for the week are organized by local authorities, government ministries, WIZO, Gadna, the JNF and others.

Haifa enchants Jewish lord mayor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Wearing their 22-carat gold chains and seals of office, the lord mayor and lady mayoress of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, paid an official call on Mayor Arye Gur-El at the Town Hall here yesterday.

Lord Mayor Bennie Abrahams and Lady Mayoress Ruth Jacobson have come for a week's visit to Haifa, which has a twin-city pact with Newcastle-on-Tyne. The lord mayor said that Tynesiders coming to Israel fly straight to Eilat for the sun, but now that he had seen this "beautiful city," he would "become Haifa's public relations officer" and send visitors here.

Abrahams, who used to be in the brewery trade and was awarded the MBE for his work with the poor, is Newcastle's third Jewish lord mayor, and currently the only one in England.

Newcastle suffers from a 25 per cent unemployment rate but the current rush to complete a number of warships being built on the Tyne, to get them ready for the Falklands, has brought temporary relief, said Abrahams.

Officer found dead at son's grave

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A senior IDF officer yesterday was found dead at the grave of his son, who was killed in an accident during army service two years ago.

Tat-Aluf Matityahu Niv, 46, was about to retire after having served as adjutant of the Golan Brigade, adjutant-general of the IDF, a department head in manpower branch and most recently in the Israeli consulate in London.

Niv's blood-stained body was found yesterday by a Givat Shaul cemetery worker in the military section of the cemetery, his pistol lying on the ground nearby. Police believe that he shot himself while visiting his son's grave.

Niv was said to have been suffering from depression ever since his son's death. Niv often visited the grave.

After joining the IDF in 1954, Niv rose rapidly through various administrative posts, serving from 1959-69 as chief adjutant to then defence minister Moshe Dayan. He was born in Tel Aviv and educated at the Herzliya Gymnasium.

EARLY ELECTIONS

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They maintain that Begin "was as surprised as everyone at Ehrlich's speech and was in fact appalled that anyone would consider winking on the (coalition) agreement which he helped formulate and negotiate, and which he signed knowing full well all that it included and entailed."

Ehrlich exploded a bombshell at the Liberal council when he read out a prepared speech asserting that "we might be entering into a period in which we must choose between having a state run according to the Halacha (Jewish religious law) or modern law. To the extent that there is a clash between Halacha and the state, we must definitely prefer the interests of the state."

Ehrlich, who had actively taken part in putting together the last coalition agreement, then recited all the articles in it dealing with religious issues and warned of the demands yet to come from the religious parties.

After his speech, the party council decided to convene the Liberal central committee Sunday to discuss the implementation of the El Al clause of the coalition agreement.

Liberal sources were divided about what brought on Ehrlich's verbal volley against the religious parties, but all agreed that the motivation was chiefly linked to internal Liberal Party politics, rather than to ideology.

According to one argument, Ehrlich had felt his grip on the party leadership weakening, and had decided to try to win considerable support by giving voice to the sentiments of a great many party members.

Yet another explanation is that Ehrlich also wants to hasten early elections, because the party leadership is worried about its status and fears losing power. In the event of early elections, it would be immune from a possible immediate overthrow.

Sources close to Ehrlich maintain that while he indeed wants early elections, the reason is that he wants the next Likud slate of Knesset candidates drawn up while Begin is still party leader. They say that Ehrlich knows that Begin will honour the Gahal agreement to the letter and would not decrease the Liberal representation on the Likud list.



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4.00 p.m. — "The Harder They Come" (Reggae Movie)
Tel Aviv Museum

4.00 p.m. — A Farewell to the Old Zoo
The Old Zoo, Ben-Gurion St.

5.00 p.m. — Outdoor concert: Tel Aviv Youth Orchestra
Conductor: Sam Lewis
Wolfson Park

5.00 p.m. — The Wandering Museum: Oriental-Hebrew Architecture
7 Allenby St., corner Hayarkon St.

8.00 p.m. — Stefano Grondona (Italy): Guitar recital
Tel Aviv Museum

8.30 p.m. — "She Dances Alone" (Movie)
Tel Aviv Cinematheque

10.00 p.m. — Brigham Young University Choir — a cappella concert
Tel Aviv Museum

TOMORROW AT THE FESTIVAL

5.00 p.m. — The Wandering Museum: Dream Houses of Old Tel Aviv
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7.00 p.m. — Marathon of French films and a meeting with Jean Marie Drot
Tel Aviv Museum

7.15 p.m. — "Songo Man" (Reggae Movie)
Tel Aviv Cinematheque

8.30 p.m. — The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra
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A DAY IN COURT

By ISRAEL AMRANI / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE ARCHED corridors of Jerusalem Magistrate's Court in the Russian Compound were crowded with young men handcuffed to their wrists, waiting for their day in court. The police announced the day before, marked the end of the secret phase of Operation "Wide Eye," in which they claimed to have captured 84 "upper echelon" Jerusalem criminals suspected of burglary, extortion, arson and of drug dealing and use.

The police explained that they had planted two "specially hired and trained undercover agents," who lured the criminal community to profitable drugs and stolen property. The crimes were recorded, the police said, using sophisticated electronic means, namely video cameras.

This, the police announced, marked the new wave in curbing crime. They were certain of getting convictions, since they had indisputable evidence — against each one of the target criminals. The day after the round-up, it turned out they had not 84, in their net.

Among the unfortunates brought to court to remand hearings were two brothers from the Baka neighbourhood who were said to be "leaders of crime" in Jerusalem.

The two were brought handcuffed to the small courtroom, accompanied by their mother and sister. The dozen or so people rose to attention when magistrate Ruth Orr entered the room.

The police representative, a roundish man in his late twenties, read the charges: larceny, conspiracy to commit larceny, possession of

stolen property, fraud, forgery, drug trafficking and use, and distribution of stolen travellers cheques.

THE TWO accused brothers listened patiently, with a semblance of a grin, to the suspicions read by the detectives. They hardly looked like "upper echelon" criminal figures. They looked like any other kids in their early twenties, only more handsome and neater — trimmer hair, athletic jeans, T-shirts, sneakers. They sat silently throughout the session, except for responses to their attorney's questions.

Reading the charges from a stack of files in front of him, the police representative told the court that the two sold hashish to a police agent, and tried to sell him stolen travellers cheques as well. The reading is interrupted now and then as the detective fumbles among the stacks for the right papers, files are on the table; a dozen or so pertain to the two brothers.

Cross examination: Ronnie Bar-On wants details of the charges. The detective, leafing through the files, says, "One hundred and fifty sterling and two hundred dollars." Opens another file. "Four hundred dollars." Another "1,500 Deutschmark." The detective continues, the magistrate records.

"Which one of the brothers?" asks Bar-On. The detective looks at the file. "Shimon."

"Are you sure?" Bar-On persists. "This one. Yes, I'm sure."

"And the other ones?"

"I have to check." The detective

leafs through yet another file. "It's Yitzhak's too."

"Then which charges are

this man of yours. How much was it?"

"I have to see." The detective turns to the files.

"Well, I'll tell you how much it was," Bar-On continues. "It was 1.36 grams of hashish. Practically dust. Who was it sold to?"

"A police undercover agent," answers the detective.

"Did my client initiate the sale?" "I don't know."

"Can you deny that your agent, an ex-convict named Yohanan, initiated the sale?"

"No. I can't deny it," the detective says.

"Do you know Yohanan?" continues Bar-On.

"I don't have to answer this question."

"Do you know that Yohanan was one of the fellows arrested in the last big sweep-up operation last year on grave charges — extortion, robbery, manhandling. And instead of bringing him to court you hired him to work for you. Do you consider his reports credible?"

The detective is lost.

BAR-ON tells the court why his clients should not be remanded. Both are working people. One is in

construction, the other is a waiter in a well-known restaurant. One has no criminal record, the other has a theft conviction as a minor, six years ago. The police allegations are questionable, says Bar-On. In any case, the police can interrogate them without detention. The employer of one, and their mother and sister are willing to sign bail notes.

The magistrate reads her decision: The two will be released on 1510,000 signatory bond, and 152,000 cash bail each.

The police representative, aghast, will appeal. As the two suspects are led upstairs, Bar-On instructs them to resist pressure and to admit nothing.

After he leaves, the suspects' mother comes to me. "Please don't write their name in the paper," she says. "We're good family, and they're good kids." (The names have been changed).

Her daughter, a waitress at the King David Hotel, tells me her mother hasn't slept since the boys were arrested 36 hours ago — "out of their beds."

The mother, dark rings around the eyes, make-up peeling from perspiration, wears a spotless white shirt and heavy gold jewelry. "I left Morocco in 1959 to come to this country," she says. "I divorced my husband to get those kids to this country. They sacrificed their best years in the army. Now I tell them that if they can, they should leave. I will help them emigrate with what I can. They have no future here."

The police investigations officer says later: "You know, this detective didn't know his right hand from his left. We lost."



(Arie Meisler)

Virtuoso performance

THEATRE

novel *Amerika* fails, it is not for lack of real talent and energy involved. What we saw in America at the Tel Aviv Museum on Saturday night was a version of the musical shortened for performance within the framework of the Tel Aviv Festival.

The music of Shlomo Gronich is on the right track. It is eclectic, evoking Kurt Weill, American popular music of the Twenties and Thirties, honky-tonk and rock — and Gronich. He invests the whole with his own original sound.

The singers — Sandra Johnson, Eli Gorenstein, Sassi Keshet and Dafna Armoni — have good powerful voices and attractive personalities. The costumes by Yuval Kaspas are glamorous — vintage Hollywood. Nevertheless, the whole enterprise does not get off the ground and the reason for this, I think, can be traced to the source.

When Kafka wrote *Amerika*, his first novel, in 1913, one year before *The Trial*, he placed it in a country he had never visited — one which he knew only from reading. The novel expresses Kafka's inner longing to escape from himself; it is a work of fantasy and intuition.

Kafka at the time admitted to a debt to Charles Dickens. *Amerika* is Dickensian in the adventures that befall the hero, Karl. But Dickens' universe, like that of the classic American musical, was concerned with seeing that the good and the bad got their just deserts. For Kafka, however, justice was rather arbitrary.

If Porat's adaptation of *Amerika* attempts to invest the musical with something of the Dickensian spirit, it fails. There is flatness and lack of humour, in the content and direction of the story of Karl, which the music and performance cannot fight. In the novel the young hero is driven out of Europe against his will, for a minor sexual offence.

Mr. Lear, being presented in English at Beit Leissin in Tel Aviv in co-operation with the British Council. The Lear in question is the Victorian who penned nonsense rhymes that are still being read today.

On the surface, Lear's life was a great success. He rose from humble middle-class beginnings to fame through his verses and landscape painting. However, Lear suffered all

his life from shattering illness: asthma and epilepsy.

Without sentimentality, with tact and sensitivity, Charles Lewsen reveals a man who was both cantankerous and shy a restless traveller, who was lonely even when saying with friends, who felt a lack of affection in his life and yet who created a lovable, alternative world of nonsense.

Charles Lewsen worked for six years on a scholarly edition of Edward Lear's nonsense verse. The insights gained through scholarship are apparently quite beneficial. With few props — wicker chair, a table, and a screen, on which Lear's

comic drawings are projected, Lewsen, in tweeds and side-whiskers, recreates the Victorian world, as seen through the critical eyes of Edward Lear, who stood no nonsense in real life. He abhorred pomposity and valued privacy, which he only truly found in his private nonsense world. Paradoxically, he came to share it with millions of Englishmen.

Nuances will be lost by non-native English speakers, but the subtleties of Lewsen's acting can be enjoyed by all.

MAUREN BASSAN
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Known recurrent stone-formers now under medical treatment have shown no new stone development since the tests began.

THE FIRST working prototype of the new, relatively inexpensive diagnostic system will soon be assembled by an Israeli company. It will then be placed in hospitals for an evaluation of how it functions in a hospital environment when used by personnel who have not undergone any special training in its use.

The new test can also be used to follow up the effectiveness of medical treatment. At present, drugs are administered to patients on an empirical basis for prolonged periods, and only by waiting to see that no new stones have formed is it possible to determine that the treatment has been effective. The test

can determine whether or not a patient is reacting favourably to a given treatment and enables the minimal effective dosage to be found.

THE MECHANISM of the development of kidney stones is still not completely understood. Prof. Sara Sarig and Dr. Nissim Carti at the Casali Institute, together with Dr. Saul Perlberg, a urologist at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School, examined an approach based on the assumption that in the kidneys there are organic retardants responsible for the inhibition of calcium oxalate stone formation. The concentration of calcium oxalate ions in human urine is such that without the existence of inhibitors they would bring about the formation of calcium oxalate minerals.

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Sketch of the roofing system proposed for Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market.

SHOPPING DURING the rainy season in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda Market has always brought out something of the primitive hunter and food gatherer in the market's devotees — searching out the family's sustenance as they slosh grimly through puddles and mud, with water dribbling down the back of their neck from roof overhangs.

This earthy experience is now to be denied us by the city fathers who have decided to erect a roof over the main shopping mall in the market — Etz Haim Street. Work is to get underway during summer and may be completed before the autumn rains.

The roofing three years ago of a short side mall, Tapuach (Apple)

RAINY DAY RENOVATION

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Street, has provided architect Gabriel Kertesz with hints about what to do — and not do — about Etz Haim Street.

The tight fit of the Tapuach Street roof, which created ventilation problems, is to give way to a multi-layered roofing system that

will permit glare to be kept out, light to be let in, and breezes to have free passage.

The main element is a plastic skylight over the centre of the street. It will be dark to reduce the glare and raised to permit better air circulation. The sides of the mall

will be covered by a low plastic overhang which will be clear. The stall owners will be able to control the light coming through the overhang by means of overhead shades. These will be of colourful canvas which should add to the shuk's lively appearance.

The work is to be carried out by the East Jerusalem Development Corporation which will work at night on the 200-metre-long mall. An attempt will be made to consult with the merchants about the proposed architectural solution.

If all goes well, Jerusalem shoppers should have a roof over their heads by the time the persimmons and pomegranates are next in season.

THE TRADITION of hospitality is alive and well, and visitors are aware of it and appreciate it — at least that is the impression one has after reading the entries to the Helpful Israeli Contest, sponsored by the Tourism Ministry in conjunction with *The Jerusalem Post*.

Many of those who answered the questionnaires were enthusiastic about professional tourism workers, hotel managers, waiters, and chambermaids, tour guides and bus drivers. It is refreshing to realize that Israeli's tourism workers are helpful and considerate and their clients appreciate it.

But this month's winners are three ordinary citizens who took strangers into their homes and made them feel welcome, in the true spirit of hospitality.

FIRST PRIZE goes to Rahel Danoh, of 108 Rehov Balfour, Bat Yam. She met two women from England who were out shopping,

Touching hearts

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

helped them with their purchases and ended up inviting them to her home for coffee and cakes.

A similar act of unsolicited hospitality was demonstrated by Elie Shichrower, of 41 Rehov Sprinkler, Safad. At the Tiberias Hot Baths, he offered his soap and other personal items to an American tourist. Later, he, too, invited the tourist to his home in Safad. He is our second-prize winner.

Finally we have a letter from Sydney, Australia, from a Roman

Catholic who came to stay on a butz in 1972 and struck up a friendship with a family in Netanya. It was this family, he adds, who has caused him to return to Israel again and again and made him a true friend of Israel. The father of the family, Naim Shabtai, of Rehov Itamar Ben Avi, Netanya, our third-prize winner.

Finally, we must add that many of the letters came from tourists who remembered great acts of kindness on the part of people who never met them. One such letter came from Australia, from a woman who, because of an injury, needed help at Ben-Gurion Airport. Although she was a passenger on El Al, an El Al stewardess helped her through immigration and customs, found a porter for her and finally took her to a taxi.

"I cannot even recall her name," the tourist writes, "it may have been Hadassah."

Authentic pleasure

MUSIC
Benjamin Bar-Am

mond Cousté, a magnificent lute player; Joseph Sage, an impressive counter-tenor; and Michel Sanvoisin, a fine performer on flutes, recorders, cromornes and other antique wind instruments.

STREET CRIES, performed by a vocal ensemble (R. Lital-Jacoby, soprano; L. Abraham, soprano; E. Lami, alto; A. Flato, tenor; A. Jacobson, bass); the Mar-Li recorder ensemble (M. Miron, E. Miron, R. Wolf, N. Nagel, H. Israel, with Karmi-Karmi-Ofar, lute and guitar); musical director: Gidon and Michael Meiser (Tel Aviv Museum, May 6). Works by Weidman, Marley, Janssens, Tye, Dowland, Dering and Alexander Arger.

"STREET CRIES" was a special programme prepared for the Tel Aviv Festival. It was not a great success.

The cries of merchants, vendors,

pedlars and beggars inspired an English Renaissance composer to write polyphonic pieces which, though the artistic value of these compositions cannot be put, such street cries, present a wholesale, do not provide any contrast and interest.

When the ensembles, together, with Michael Meiser, fine recorder work, the results are quite pleasant. The solo parts, accompanied by Karmi-Ofar on lute and guitar, were satisfactory. An exception was Jacobson, who impressed one's expressive voice and vital stage presence.

The scheduled premiere of the Tel Aviv Festival's *The Cries of Tel Aviv* to have been written for this occasion, was replaced by Alan Argov's trivial cabaret song *Haraviv* (text by Alterman), by Ella Lazar and Avi Jacobson. This proved to be a disappointment.

The musical part of the evening was preceded by a not very interesting nor convincing lecture Tel Aviv University linguist Gil.

READERS' LETTERS

APPEAL FOR LENIENCY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — On April 19, the Military Court at Nablus sentenced my son Tarik to prison for one year and a half, with right to appeal. My son has been in prison since November 11, 1981, the date the houses were blown up, and I appeal to you to give publicity to this case in order to write off the remaining prison period for the following reasons:

1. I am an old man of 62, weak and sick as the result of a complicated medical operation carried out in February of this year.
2. Tarik is my only son here.
3. Our family has experienced unprecedented hardships when we were brutally deported to Ein Sultan-Jericho on May 15, 1980, amidst wild animals. Almost all our furniture was destroyed and our health badly affected.

4. Tarik has now serious complications in his urinary system as the result of his beating on May 13, 1980. He has undergone several operations, but all doctors agree he needs periodic dilatation of his urinary tract and delay will endanger his life.

5. My son is only 19 now and the accusations against him are old ones, pre-dating our deportation to Ein Sultan.

I will hold myself personally responsible for his conduct in the future.

YACOB BASIL SHOMALI
Beit Sahour.

EL AL FLIGHTS ON SABBATH

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — What a terrible contradiction in terms: a Jewish state re-established so that Jews can live as Jews, yet having a Jewish airline that breaks Sabbath laws. Surely, as one of the Ten Commandments, a most basic tenet of Judaism, for which so many have given their lives over the centuries to preserve inviolate, it is shocking to have Jews in their own land not interested in preserving such a heritage.

I recall reading that "rather than the Jews keeping the Sabbath, the Sabbath has preserved the Jews."

If Jews now living in their reborn state will not care to observe their sacred Jewish laws, why then a need for a Jewish state? And what price Judaism? What point in the survival of Jews as Jews? They might as well just assimilate into the surrounding population as did the 10 Tribes of olden days and most Jews nowadays living in the Western world, most of whom don't even pay lip service to Judaism any more.

A. LEBLANC
Toronto, Canada.

PEN FRIENDS

V. GNANAPRAKASAM of Arangul-Salem, Tamil Nadu 636101, India, is a middle school teacher who would like to have Israeli penfriends. He collects stamps and coins and is interested in photography.

MARTIN AMPAABENG (19) of Second Ridge Bung, P.O.B. 410, Cape Coast, Ghana, would like to correspond with Israelis. His hobbies are soccer, swimming and music.

MAYOR KOCH STRAIGHTENS THE RECORD

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — You might ask why I am sending this letter to you. It is because I have such a high regard for the people of Israel and *The Jerusalem Post* that I wanted them to have the facts as they are rather than as perceived by Leon Hadar in his article of March 12.

Mr. Hadar states: "Many black leaders regard Koch as a representative of the white middle-class who does not attempt to hide his contempt for affirmative action and social programmes for the poor." Is Mr. Hadar unaware of the fact that, in the last mayoral election in November, I received 60 per cent of the black vote and 70 per cent of the Hispanic vote?

Indeed, I have never supported racial, religious or ethnic quotas as part of affirmative action programmes. My position happens to be supported by a majority of the people in the United States and that includes a majority of the black population.

Let me define for you affirmative action as I perceive it and as most Americans, whether they are white or black, perceive it. Affirmative action is the ending of discrimination of any kind on the basis of race, religion, sex, etc. The fact is that I have worked ardently to institute programmes to achieve this end. For example, the city operates classes free of charge to teach people to take civil service tests. We did that with the recent police tests and doubled the number of applicants from minority groups who took the civil service examinations. In addition, my administration has embarked on an innovative programme (Locally Based Enterprise Programme) to guarantee a fixed percentage of city construction subcontracts to small contractors that employ economically disadvantaged persons. The programme makes a clear and strong commitment to establish and strengthen programmes for the poor — who, in this city, are predominantly black and Hispanic.

In my job as mayor, I have also supported the development of programmes and management systems which address the social needs of the poor in New York City. One of the most exciting trends I can share with you is that, for the first time in 12 years, New York City pupils, of which 70 per cent are black and Hispanic, have exceeded the national average in reading. In human services, we have improved services to the poor by establishing welfare centres to the case management system where a single case worker is responsible for an entire family's needs. Further, in 1981 alone, the city successfully assisted in the rehabilitation of new construction of over 17,000 housing units specifically for low and moderate income families.

Mr. Hadar goes on to suggest that I might add to my slate someone selected solely on the basis of race. I have publicly rejected that request to both the media and to groups which have asked that I make such a selection. I have said that, of the four candidates who will be on my slate in the Democratic primary, two are already designated — myself and Attorney General Bob Abrams who is running for reelection. Because we both come from the City of New York, I have stated that, for the other two positions, Lieutenant Governor and Comptroller, I will be seeking one candidate from a suburban county and the other from an upstate county. I have said that the slate will be regionally balanced and that I will take the best person from each region without regard to their race, religion, or sex.

Mr. Hadar, in referring to my status as a bachelor, says that, in anticipation of an attack upon me, "I have already been talking about getting married." The fact is, and it is regrettable, that Mr. Hadar does not cite where the reference came from. I was asked on a television programme whether I would consider getting married. I said that I have never ruled that out. That is a far cry from the implication of Mr.

Hadar's comment.

Finally, using what is sure refuge of a reporter who was sound knowledgeable but can someone willing to put his name to a statement, Mr. I says, "Koch has his eye on the presidential slot in the 1984 elections. And in 1984, he might run for the presidency. As one supporter told me last week, in the final analysis, a Jewish president can succeed in bringing peace to the M East."

First, to discuss the condition Israel in terms of a Jewish president surely does the United States, and Jews a great disservice. Israel's support in the U.S. is mainly strong among Jews. Israel's support is not limited to that support would be meant in that we comprise less than 1 per cent of the U.S. population unlikely that anyone could have me or my campaign would have said anything like that. Hadar. I try to associate myself with intelligent people and that stupid comment. But with a portion of over 7 million in New York City, we probably have a couple of dumb people and apparently Hadar found one of them.

To close, I would like to refer to another of Mr. Hadar's erroneous statements. Yes, I have been asked if I have any aspirations and my answer is simple. No, I do not. But if I ever to be considered by others such a position, it would be because of the extraordinary job that I have done as Mayor of the State of New York. And if that extraordinary job done, wouldn't it mean that the people of the State of New York been well served?

EDWARD I. KOCH
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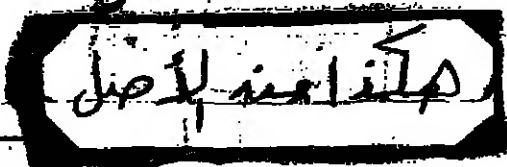
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Stable world oil prices foreseen

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

The price of oil will not go up on world markets till the end of the century, indeed OPEC will have a hard time maintaining the present scheduled figure of \$34 a barrel in the coming months. This prediction was made by Professor Fred Singer, of Virginia University, a renowned authority on the subject in an address at the American Cultural Centre in Jerusalem last week.

The Saudis he believes, committed a fatal error in 1979, by cutting production and making their product more expensive. In the following year they could already see their mistake. The consumer countries had by then launched major capital investments to create substitute energy resources, e.g., the proposed gas pipeline from the Soviet Union to the heart of Europe, the extensive nuclearization programme in Japan, or — a local development — Israel's coal-fired power-station in Hadera.

OPEC, according to Prof. Singer, Saudi Arabia and the oil sheikdoms own huge reserves and want to keep petroleum cheap in order to arrest the shift to other fuels. The remaining OPEC members prefer to sell dear, in order to make quick profits. Algeria will run out of oil before long. Sheikh Yamani of Saudi Arabia once said, "If I were an Algerian, I'd want to charge \$100 a barrel."

The ideal selling price for Saudi Arabia today, taking account of its long-term interests would be \$18 only. This could have been achieved by stepping up output — but the other OPEC members would not tolerate such a policy.

In any case it is too late, Singer maintains: the industrialized countries are already committed to their new energy systems. Should OPEC reduce its prices, they would put up their tariffs, to ensure that oil imports did not undercut the alternative fuels in which they are investing so much.

Dr. Singer foresees a 50 per cent

drop in the oil consumption of the industrialized nations, from 40m. barrels a day to 20m. in the 1990s — a decline which is by now "inevitable," he claims.

This confronts Saudi Arabia with a serious problem. During the next two years Iraq and Iran (currently at war) will seek to revive their oil exports. In order to regain their share of the market they will bully Riyadh into reducing its supplies — arguing that it has had its chance and must now make way for those who have been out of the running. That would lower incomes in Saudi Arabia, creating serious internal problems for the authorities. Singer thinks that the present regime of princes and sheikhs will collapse in the next three or four years.

In answer to a question, he pointed out that if petroleum were marketed under perfectly competitive conditions, as it once was — the price would settle at around \$8 a barrel. "OPEC's price policies have made the world over-conserve its oil," he grinned.

Modern Living 82 fair in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV — The "Modern Living 82" fair opening at the Fair Grounds here on Thursday (till May 29) will be staged in the spirit of an early predecessor, the "Flying Camel" of 1932. The spirit of Little Tel Aviv of those days will be recaptured in the dress of the hosts and hostesses.

Miri Magnes, the fair's designer, is using other motifs from the earlier fair: Bauhaus-style architecture and layout, including a central pavilion (number 20) around which the "jubilee" events will take place. There will also be a reconstruction of a street of the 1930s.

The central entertainment event will be the twice-nightly show by Brazil Tropical with its 36 dancers and instrumentalists.

On Arts Boulevard, 19 artists and craftsmen will produce and offer for sale paintings, ceramics, tapestries, coloured glass assemblages and other objects d'art.

Ehrlich checking Histadrut land deal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RA'ANANA. — Deputy Prime Minister and Agriculture Minister Simha Ehrlich is examining the legality of the transfer of more than 20 dunams of state land to a Histadrut company for the building of a sports centre near Ra'anana. The land is part of 100 dunams set aside by the Israel Lands Administration for young couples' housing and public buildings.

Several weeks ago the Ra'anana municipality signed a contract with the non-profit company for Sports and Culture Centres for the Worker and his Family. Under the contract's terms, the company will build a sports centre, to be used mainly by Histadrut members, who would receive a 20 per cent discount over non-Histadrut members.

Knowing when to take a loss — even if it's \$20 million

Fuqua — farm boy to business tycoon

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

You will not find too many Georgia farm boys sitting beneath the bay window in the lobby of Jerusalem's King David Hotel. If you do meet one there, he is probably a very special farm boy.

J.B. Fuqua — modest millionaire and perfect specimen of the Great American Success Story — chatted with *The Jerusalem Post* last week after a day of touring the country as a member of Israel Bonds' American southeast industrialists delegation.

The board chairman and chief executive officer of Fuqua Industries Incorporated, one of America's largest industrial and service conglomerates, still insists on describing himself as a "plain Georgia farm boy who has made it good." Too poor in his youth to afford a college education, he would borrow books — mostly on business and economics — by mail from the library of the closest institution of higher learning. His avid reading of those books helped him skip over the economic threshold that stood between the "plain Georgia farm boy" and the wide world of U.S. business fortune.

To show his appreciation for the school whose library was kind to him, J.B. Fuqua about two years ago sent over a cheque for \$10 million to Duke University, as an endowment for its business school.

Today, J.B. Fuqua could probably author a few books of his own on business administration, but would rather leave that to the academics. Instead, he devotes his time steering the day-to-day affairs of Fuqua Industries' 25 subsidiary companies; the Cyprus Corporation, a closed-end investment fund listed on the American Stock Exchange; and Pier One Imports Incorporated, a merchandiser of Far



J.B. Fuqua. (Carol Gootter)

showed an ostensibly embarrassing annual net loss for 1981 of about \$20 million.

"To be a good businessman," he says, "you must develop a sense of recognizing when to get rid of a company that is losing or is going to lose money."

"Some time ago we acquired a petroleum distribution business for about \$200m. Then, over a year ago, I began to feel that the petro situation in my country is getting out of hand due to the steep price rises. Rather than wait for real bad times, I decided to get rid of the company — even if it had to mean taking a loss of approximately \$20 million. I think it was a wise move, and that move was what caused the 'deficit' notation on our 1981 results."

Earlier this year Fuqua Industries began selling off its chain of television stations and movie theatres, apparently for similar reasons.

J.B. Fuqua did not volunteer any opinion on whether El Al — a perennial loser — should be sold off by the government. However, he did have some counsel for Israeli economic planners.

He said: "Israel should develop its electronic industry. You have the capable people required for such an effort, and what is more, these type of businesses do not require huge imports of raw materials or great shipping expenditures."

The soft-spoken, self-effacing businessman served for four terms in the Georgia State Legislature, three in the House and one in the Senate. Other political activities included chairmanship of the Democratic Party of Georgia and the Democratic Executive Committee of that state, from 1962 to 1966. He is also the holder of almost a dozen academic and professional awards. J.B. Fuqua is a present or former member of and active on many university boards.

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CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Not the iron man of the law? (6)
- Upset because given a fright? (8)
- Might they slip off the edge of a cup? (4)
- Father, rolling along (6)
- Seem a very quiet listener (6)
- His patients are speechless (3)
- More than one case of peas making you fat (5)
- A bright performer. Nova? (4)
- Arrive at a certain junction in an old aircraft (5)
- One playfully said to be of no importance? (5)
- Dog in the ring? (5)
- Call for an unnatural grin (4)
- Schoolmaster's bloomer? (5)
- Boy with a share in reforming Thomas (3)
- Considers the need for skin treatment at the end of the month (6)
- Fish lying on the bed? (6)
- The optician's daughter? (4)
- Refrains from giving a sailor bad marks (8)
- Coronation place? (6)

DOWN

- He explored a new sector (6)
- First boat to be cold-hearted? (6)
- Place on a river or over a ship (4)
- Doctor who didn't cure his wife (7)
- Put right in a crude way (5)
- Like possibly rangy young men (5)
- Hot stuff from down under (4)
- Sweetheart in a fit of

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Confined (6)
- Go into debt (8)
- Pretensions (4)
- Punctuation marks (6)
- Secure (6)
- Female swan (3)
- Layers (5)
- Bereavement (4)
- Number (5)
- Follow (5)
- Loaded (5)
- Musical end-piece (4)
- Tidiness (5)
- Pulpy food (3)
- Weasels (6)
- Insignificant (6)
- Misfortunes (4)
- Spectators (8)
- Infer (6)

DOWN

- Delete (6)
- Prepares for firing (6)
- Sleep, slang (4)
- Respire (7)
- Fireholder (5)
- Large birds (5)
- Measures of current, in short (4)
- Smuggled (3)
- Pose (3)
- Went wrong (5)
- Ascends (5)
- Unconcealed (5)
- Conclusion (3)
- Weapon (3)
- Made of clay (7)
- Grassland (3)
- Named (6)
- Chooses (4)
- No matter who (6)
- Academy Award (5)
- Shabbily-dressed (5)
- Friend (3)
- Variegated (4)

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Keeping cool

WHEN a cease-fire agreement is methodically violated by one side, the other side may consider itself entitled to resort to self-defence, even by way of retaliation. This would seem to be elementary. But to justify counter action, there must be some reasonable clarity about the meaning of the cease-fire, and about the nature of the alleged violations.

The air force raid on PLO targets in Lebanon Sunday — which this time drew in response shellings on settlements in Galilee — had been ordered, the IDF spokesman said, because "the terrorist organizations had, during the past several days, repeatedly and severely violated the cease-fire." But the true background for the air force action lay not in the events of the past several days, that is since the April 21 air force raid, but in the entire record of PLO violations since the conclusion of the agreement last July.

The IDF spokesman listed, for a start, 17 dead and 236 injured in 130 terrorist attacks in Israel proper, in Judea, Samaria and Gaza and abroad during the past nine and a half months. The casualties, it was stated, were Israelis, tourists and residents of the territories. Soon after, however, a fuller catalogue emerged, which included a roll of no less than 28 dead from terrorist action. About half of these were residents of the territories, among them terrorists killed by their own bombs, as well as non-Jews abroad in explosions attributed to the terrorists.

Plainly there is some difference of opinion between the two sides to the Lebanese cease-fire, Israel and the PLO, as to the meaning of the document. The PLO claims that it only applies to the Lebanese border, and to no other area, even if Lebanon is patently the springboard for terrorist action perpetrated elsewhere. This is an absurd interpretation.

The Israeli position, as defined now by the Army spokesman, is that the cease-fire has virtually global application. Any terrorist action attributable to the PLO, no matter where it might be committed and whom its victims might be, including would-be terrorists, is to be classified as a violation of the cease-fire agreement. This, too, does not appear very logical.

Since the agreement was the handiwork of U.S. envoy Philip Habib, the Americans might be expected to provide an impartial interpretation. Washington's understanding is that all hostile actions from Lebanon into Israel, and vice versa are violations of the cease-fire. This would cover the infiltration of a terrorist gang from Lebanon through Jordan into Israel. But it would not necessarily apply to the murder of an Israeli diplomat in Paris, and surely not to the hoisting of a terrorist by his own petard in Judea, Samaria or Gaza.

If the purpose of the IDF's list of PLO outrages was to impress people, mainly outside this country, with the PLO's infamy, it may have missed its mark. The list includes some authentic violations, which would call for a proper, measured response. But it is also stuffed with some evidently spurious claims.

In part it represents a belated attempt to revise an agreement which, though badly drafted, from Israel's viewpoint, was unreservedly endorsed by the government. In part, too, it could be seen as a laboured justification for the scrapping of the agreement altogether. This would be a prelude for an attempted "solution" of the Palestinian problem by purely military means.

It is hardly a secret that a powerful faction within the government, headed by Defence Minister Sharon, favours such a solution, indeed looks forward to it. In immediate terms, the idea would be defended as necessary to thwart a recurrence of the war of attrition, now threatened in the north following Sunday's exchange. If the escalation led to Syria's entry into the fray, that would only be viewed as an occasion to teach Damascus some overdue lessons.

The price of such escalation does not seem to concern the warlike faction very much. In fact, yesterday morning the defence minister, touring the northern settlements, seemed to be using them to promote his views, certainly a new departure in the making of Israel's security policy.

Hopefully wiser counsel will prevail.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS BRITISH police have broadcast a nationwide alarm for two kidnap victims described as "three-quarters of an inch in length, with dark brown and dark grey stripes."

They are among the smallest kidnap victims ever recorded, but far from the least important for they are the irreplaceable queen bees of the famous Buckfast, Abbey Apiary. Their disappearance puts in peril nine years of research.

The bees were hybrids developed from Buckfast and Greek bees by Brother Adam, 83, the abbey's internationally known bee expert, who produces some of the finest heather and clover honey in Britain.

Police plan to mobilize the 4,000 beekeepers in Devon because the kidnapper is obviously a bee expert who knew exactly what he was looking for. He also took 11 combs containing worker bees and drones and his technique is similar to thefts from the abbey hives over the years. Brother Adam believes the thief is a rogue beekeeper who first stole to replenish his own hives and now wants the benefits of the new research. An aide to Brother Adam pointed out that his age makes it improbable he will be able to reproduce the research.

PS PROSTITUTES who decide to change their ways might get financial help from the European Economic Community. Ivor Richard, EEC commissioner for social affairs, has issued a statement saying that public or private programmes to help integrate prostitutes into ordinary working life might in certain circumstances qualify for aid under the community's social fund.

The statement was in reply to a written question on the issue from a French Socialist member of the European Parliament, Yvette Fuitel.

PS THE ONLY germ plasm bank in the world to store and preserve wild grain resources has been dedicated at Tel Aviv University. The bank was established to collect the valuable genetic materials of wild oats, barley and wheat which originated in the Middle East and have evolved for millennia developing natural resistance to disease and pests and a better balance in protein and unsaturated oil. Attending the recent dedication ceremony and the parallel international conference in wheat and barley were experts in cereal crops from all over the world, among them Dr. Abdel Hak, Egyptian Professor of Plant Pathology.

PS NOW THAT the Walkman stereo tape recorder makes it possible to be mobile while listening to tapes, the Jerusalem Tora College (Beit Midrash LeTora) of the World Zionist Organization has produced taped Talmud lessons for Diaspora students who return home but want to continue learning. So far, 1,500 folio pages of the Talmud have been elucidated and taped, and in the next few months, the entire Jerusalem Talmud will be on tape with the completion of the remaining 1,000 folios. A total of 800 cassettes will encompass the entire series.

There are 150 overseas students from the U.S., Canada and other western countries, at BMT at present. Yeshiva head Rabbi Moshe Horowitz proposed the tape venture to permit complete and independent study without the need for teachers. An advanced series with summations of earlier and later commentaries is being planned for the most outstanding students. J.S.

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AS IN MANY other conflicts to which the Israeli government is a party, both sides in the present uproar over the raising of university tuition fees have just causes to fight for. This, of course, only makes the problem all the more intractable. Neither side can — or should — give in. But student strikes only damage students in the short run, and, if prolonged, the economy in the long run. (Contrary to conventional wisdom, a college education does make the student a better worker — not only through the specific skills learned, but, perhaps more important, through the analytical frame of mind which the university inculcates.)

Yet the previous state of affairs was also damaging to the Israeli economy. While subsidization of commodities in Israel is an accepted practice, no other "product" is subsidized to such an extent. College tuition payments today cover a mere five to 10 per cent of the universities' expenses. Government subsidies, on the other hand, cover from two-thirds to three-quarters of the universities' budgets (the rest is supplemented through private donations, endowments, etc.).

Thus, the proposal to raise the annual tuition fee to \$25,000 in 1982-83 from its \$5,000 base this past year fits in with the Treasury's announced overall economic policy of cutting down on oversubsidization. In real terms, the increase amounts to a 150 per cent rise (keeping tuition at the same real value for 1982-83 as last year would mean an \$10,000 tuition fee). Put another way (from the Treasury's perspective), the proposal would still leave the students covering only about 20 per cent of the cost of their college education.

In defence of the government one should note as well that \$25,000 will amount to approximately \$1,100 (when the students begin reading, a number of months hence).

Compared to tuition fees in the United States, for example, where a college usually takes four years (and not three as in the Israeli norm) and costs between \$4,000-\$5,000 annually (excluding books, room, and board), the proposed Israeli sum is a pittance — even taking into account the salary differential between the two countries.

Considering that a college education is one of the most important "purchases" an individual can make in his or her life, an annual sum which is equivalent to the price of a colour TV set is not necessarily unreasonable.

YET THE CASE is certainly not one-sided. The students for their part have a number of valid points. First, there are few if any precedents in Israel of fees going up 150 per cent in real terms in only one year. Students who made certain economic calculations a year or two ago when they entered college find themselves in mid-course unable to bear the financial load.

Second, since many students enter college right after their army service, or in the midst of starting a family — when their normal expenses by themselves constitute a crushing burden — even such a "reasonable" fee as \$25,000 may

THE PRICE OF LEARNING

Israel must have manpower but cannot afford to subsidize university students at the present rate, writes SAM LEHMAN-WILZIG, who suggests a delayed-payments system as the answer to the dilemma.

make it impossible for them to acquire a university education. And it is not only they who lose — as pointed out earlier, Israeli society suffers as a result of a reduction in trained manpower.

Third, while Israel has performed wonders over the last 30 years from an economic egalitarian standpoint, significant gaps still exist between various social, economic, and communal groups. Despite scholarships and various other forms of individualized government assistance to those who are underprivileged, an increase in the cost of tuition as envisioned today would only tend to make it more difficult to bridge the gap — with all the negative social consequences which may ensue.

There are enough obstacles and financial difficulties complicating the lives of Israeli students without them having to contend with a large increase in tuition payments.

HOW, THEN, can we get over the hump without undermining the economy or the student population?

There is a way out, a solution which answers the needs of both sides without damaging the interests of either. It can best be called the Delayed Lifetime Payment System (DLPS), and has already been adopted in some U.S. universities.

The principle is simplicity itself. During the period of his college education the student pays nothing. Upon entering college, however, he signs a binding contract to pay a tiny fraction of his annual income (commencing when he graduates or leaves school) for the rest of his life, or at least until he retires. Period.

The annual sums involved for each college graduate would hardly be felt. They would certainly not rise above one-half of one per cent. Thus, a college graduate who normally would be in the 45 per cent income tax bracket, for example, would instead end up paying 45½ per cent in taxes. Hardly a significant additional burden.

The beauty of DLPS, of course, is that those who benefit most from their college education (i.e. make more money during their careers) will pay more over the long run. In Israel, some might even end up paying \$5,000 a year (in today's terms); but since such an individual would be making \$1,000,000 annually, the sum would hardly be significant for him. DLPS is truly an egalitarian system, taking "more" from those who benefited more and can afford to pay more.

Administratively, DLPS is also a vast improvement over the present setup. It would effectively abolish

the need for bursars' offices, scholarship-granting bureaucracies, and the like. In their place one can suggest an institution which already exists, and works efficiently: the National Insurance Institute. Alternatively, the income tax authorities will do just as well.

To be sure, there are some minor technical problems, all of which can be overcome (the solutions will be left to the implementers): What to do about graduates who later leave the country? What about dropouts who have completed a year or two of their studies? Where will the government get the extra money to cover the first few years when no one pays tuition? Should we allow students to not join DLPS if they wish to pay their tuition up front? Should older students be required to pay a higher percentage since they will be paying over fewer years?

For those less bold souls in the government who may not be willing to take the plunge, there is a more conservative variation in widespread use across America, under the auspices of the Student Loan Marketing Association. Here a student can get a loan covering all the expenses of college education, with a flexible repayment schedule of 13 to 20 years after graduation. The monthly payments are higher than DLPS, but a graduate does not become "indebted" for life. Such a government corporation would be a natural solution for Israel.

The university tuition problem has finally reached the crisis point, with no sign of either side willing to back down. Not only must cooler heads prevail, but a lot more original thought should be given to the dilemma. After all, that's what college education is all about.

The author, a lecturer in political studies at Bar-Ilan University, has worked as a research analyst in education for the City of New York.

READERS' LETTERS

WHO SPEAKS FOR AMERICAN JEWS?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have read with interest Wolf Blitzer's article of April 23, "Who speaks for American Jews?" The answer is, of course: "No single organization nor any individual Jew speaks for all American Jews." And that is how it should be. The American Jewish Community is neither a monarchy, nor monolithic. We have no reigning head who can claim a monopoly on communications on behalf of the Jewish people, to our government or our press.

Larry Weinberg and Al Spiegel are intelligent, courageous Jewish leaders, each with a record of dedicated service to our people. However, even after 20 years of close collaboration with them in Los Angeles and in Washington, we still have friendly disagreements on specific issues and tactics. They do not (and would not pretend to) speak for the Anti-Defamation League.

Nevertheless, if the White House offers to meet with them about issues of concern to our community, it is their responsibility to attend and participate (while making it clear whom they represent and the

limitations on their "authority"). Incidentally, it must be recalled that Howard Squadron and other Jewish leaders, including myself, have already sat with the President and his top aides.

Finally, I would like to offer a correction to Blitzer's commentary. In my opinion, it is inaccurate to state that "AIPAC is the major Jewish organization dealing with the administration." AIPAC does a limited job very well. It is a lobbying organization, with an appropriate emphasis on dealing with Congress about specific legislation. The Anti-Defamation League (as well as other national organizations) not only appears before congressional committees, but maintains communication with many other parts of the administration, including the Departments of Justice, State and Defence, and agencies dealing with education and energy. We believe that our constituency is well-served by these broad and continuing contacts with the Reagan Administration.

MAXWELL E. GREENBERG,
National Chairman,
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai
New York.

HORRIFYING SIGHT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Like millions of horrified TV viewers, I was speechless at the sight of the fanatics on the rooftops violently resisting the evacuation, and worse, doing everything possible to humiliate the soldiers who had been ordered to remove them.

The soldiers on the ladders should receive medals of commendation for their amazing restraint in the face of the monstrous provocations.

The ones who planned the assault should be given an official rebuke for their inspired inefficiency. The operation looked like a campaign conducted in Roman or feudal days, propping up ladders against a highly fortified position.

The hooligans on the roof should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. (Name and address supplied) Jerusalem.

DANGEROUS SITUATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Disturbing things are happening in this land lately.

When former Supreme Court Judge Haim Cohn speaks up for civil rights on the Golan, Prime Minister Begin and other government officials launch a bitter personal attack against him.

When Judge Victoria Ostrovsky-Cohen delivers a judgement after a free and open trial, she is accused of Ashkenazi prejudice. At the same time, Stop-the-Withdrawal militants are described by military officials as "the best parts of the Israeli people." Thus, those who uphold justice and the rule of law are denounced, while those who flagrantly break the law are praised.

The moral foundation of our state is in danger. RACHEL TORDMAN Jerusalem.

SELECTIVE QUOTES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As I read David Shipper's article on Israel in The New York Times section of The Jerusalem Post of May 3, it brings to mind the recent furor in the Israeli media regarding censorship imposed by the Government.

Mr. Shipper quotes in length the letter from the "Weeping Mother" and how ashamed she is to live in a country like ours, but he makes no mention of the letter written in reply from a woman who is proud to live in this country and does not feel it is a crime to protect oneself when attacked. He reports soldiers and settlers firing into crowds of stone-throwing Arab youths, but makes no mention of the two Israelis killed and 50 wounded (mostly soldiers) by these supposedly innocent actions. He selectively quotes immigrants who see ominous parallels with oppression elsewhere. Although he admits that these opinions are "surely a minority," he gives them prominent coverage and makes no attempt to balance them by including opinions from the "majority."

By his omissions, nuances and selective quotes, he is practising censorship of a no lesser degree than that which he takes the Israel Government to task for. Petah Tikva. R. AKERMAN

ISRAEL'S JOURNALISTIC ENEMIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The methods of subtle omission and innuendo employed in David Shipper's story on "West Bank Occupation" in your New York Times insert of March 29, must be deplored. He writes as follows of the three dismissed Palestinian Arab mayors: "All were the targets of car bombings in 1980. Mr. Shaiz lost both legs, Mr. Khalef lost a foot and Mr. Tawil escaped injury; the bomb meant for him — blighted by Israeli soldier. Their assailants were never arrested."

Not mentioned is the fact that said Israeli soldier was blinded while trying to defuse the bomb. Also not mentioned is that the reason why the assailants have not been arrested is that they have not been caught. Heavily implied, for the benefit of New York Times readers is that the assailants have been identified but not arrested.

Jerusalem. GEORGE GROTE

More readers' letters on page 6.

NUCLEAR POWER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Last year when Israel bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor, the prime minister stated that the operation could not have been postponed because to bomb the reactor at a later stage, when it was active, would have caused a huge eruption of radioactive substances which would have caused casualties running into hundreds of thousands. Though the operation was criticised for various reasons, no one, as far as I know, challenged this statement of the effects of such an attack.

Yet here we have in The Jerusalem Post of April 22 a blithe

announcement by the Electric Corporation, that they are planning a number of nuclear power stations for Israel. What I wish to ask the Electric Corporation is this: Do they disagree with the prime minister's statement of the ghastly consequences of an attack on nuclear facilities? Or have they received suitable guarantees from our hostile neighbours that they would never make such an attack? Or is the corporation prepared to risk the future of this country for generations to come for the sake of more kilowatts? I. J. JACOBSON Herzliya.

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